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Thank you for letting us ordinary citizens comment on this lawsuit.

I am confused by many of the charges that have been made in this lawsuit. However, the one issue that seems to get a lot of attention, and affects the people, is the charge that Microsoft has hurt the end-user.

As an ordinary citizen, I can categorically state that I have not been hurt one bit by Microsoft. My family uses their software products, along with a bunch of other companies' software products, and I have not experienced any problems. In fact, I feel that the other companies are benefitting because I am buying their products. That is what is confusing. I don't see the ordinary citizen being hurt. In fact, I see them as benefitting from all this technology.

When I read the allegations, I am deeply bothered at the charges and statements made by the attorney generals of the 18 States. Then I read what Microsoft's competitor have to say, and that makes me outraged, because it clearly shows that these companies are bribing the States to do their dirty work. The way I interpret it, is that they are not very astute business people, and they need some help, so they pay-off their Congressmen to do their dirty work for them. This is what really outrages me.

Furthermore, I read the remaining 9 States are extending this lawsuit. In my opinion it sounds like greed! The companies that are in those 9 States are again bribing their attorney generals. My analysis, as an ordinary citizen, is that these companies are not very astute business people. If they can't make a good product that people will buy, then they don't deserve to be in business. If they are not astute business people, I don't want them representing my country when they go overseas and sell to foreign countries. I don't feel like a proud American when I read that these companies are bribing their Congressmen to do their dirty work. It reminds of the government corruption that I read about in other countries. I certainly hope that our government does not stoop that low that we allow our businessmen to corrupt us through bribery and collusion.

I may only be a common ordinary citizen with not much influence as these large businesses, but I wish to exercise my Constitutional right to freedom of expression and certainly hope that you will consider my comments.

Thank you.
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